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Subject: RAB Meeting Summary

Dear Mr. Shafer:

Enclosed is a copy of the summary of the November 20, 1996 NETC RAB meeting.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at 508-658-7899.

Very truly yours,

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NETC RAB HEARS PRESENTATION ON MELVILLE NORTH LANDFILL WORK PLAN

The NETC Newport Installation Restoration Program Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met on Wednesday, November 20, 1996. Mike Foley, a new RAB member, was introduced. Committee reports were presented, including a discussion of the previous day's McAllister Point Landfill ribbon cutting and the Public Affairs Committee proposal to address long-range planning issues. Project schedules were reviewed; all were on track except Melville North Landfill, the subject of the meeting's presentation.

The RAB decided to continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month. Special meeting dates will be scheduled to accommodate deliverable review deadlines. Community members interested in becoming observers at technical meetings that focus on evaluating data and making site decisions should indicate their interest at the January meeting.

The Melville Landfill North work plan amendment presentation discussed the site investigation process, the landfill's background, site features, the objectives of the study, and the field work necessary to support a cleanup decision. Since this site was not included as part of EPA's National Priorities List, its cleanup will be guided by State of Rhode Island regulations, not the CERCLA process.

The landfill was used from World War II to 1955 to dispose of refuse such as acids, waste paints, solvents, waste oils, and PCBs. The 1983 Initial Assessment Study and 1986 Confirmation Study revealed the existence of oil and oily sludge. In 1992, a Phase I RI was conducted (when it was thought the site would be reviewed under the CERCLA process) that recommended conducting additional activities. Removal activities were undertaken in 1993 and 1995. As a result of information uncovered in the removal actions, a work plan was prepared in 1995 to oversee collection of additional data. Work plan additions are the subject of the presentation.

The objectives of the work are to: complete determining the nature and extent of contamination, identify groundwater impacts, quantify near-shore impacts, assess threats to human health, and evaluate remedial cleanup alternatives. The field activities will focus on six areas: Stockpile Areas "A" and "B", Areas "S" and "N", suspected lagoons, and a former oily waste pile.

The field activities include: a wetlands delineation; passive soil surveying; surface soil sampling; test pit excavation; soil borings; monitoring well installation; hydraulic conductivity testing; tidal influence study; and free product search. To enhance the presentation, examples of tools and materials used in these activities were passed around the room, and various water and soil sample containers were previewed. Sampling and analysis quality control features were explained.